# **Media Advisory**

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington



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## Media Coverage of court-martial - United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry

**WASHINGTON** – The military judge has scheduled a court-martial in the case of United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry, beginning **Monday, March 16 at 9 a.m.**, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Hockenberry is charged with sexual assault, and assault consummated by a battery that allegedly occurred in 2016.

Press credentials to cover United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry will be granted to journalists from the following types of news media:

- Newspapers, weeklies, and magazines
- Wire services
- · Broadcast media
- Web media
- · Accredited freelance writers

**REGISTRATION:** Accredited media organizations interested in covering the legal proceedings <u>must</u> <u>register</u> for credentials by email to <u>usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil</u>. **Registration must be completed no later than 12 p.m., Thursday, March 12.** Information listed below is required for registration.

- Media organization
- Full names of personnel attending
- Assignment (camera, reporter, photojournalist, etc.)
- Contact phone number of personnel attending and assignment editor
- Email addresses of personnel attending and assignment editor
- Driver's license number and state of issue of personnel attending

Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Print and broadcast media are encouraged to pool. \* This court-martial will be a pooled event. \*

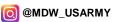
For planning purposes, the court-martial is scheduled for Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20.

## **EDITOR'S NOTES:**

- Seating is limited in the courtroom. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Communication Office will make every effort to ensure varied media representation.
- The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Communication Office will contact media outlets with their credential status **no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, March 12.**

For additional details, send an email to the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Communication Office at: usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil or call 202-685-4644.

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## Required Material for Receiving Official Approval

## For journalists:

- Media identification, such as a local, national and international accredited press pass, issued by a recognized news organization.
- Letter on official letterhead from the editor of a publication/web site or producer of a broadcast program certifying the affiliation, verifying assignment to the legal proceedings, and including the editor's contact information.

## For journalism students:

 A letter on official school letterhead, signed by a department professor, verifying assignment to the legal proceedings and including the professor's contact information.

## For freelance journalists:

 Copies of bylined articles and an official letter of assignment from the editor/producer from an accredited news organization for which you will be covering.

#### For newsletter media:

 Newsletter media must submit current issues of their newsletter containing at least one bylined article. If a representative was registered as media at previous legal proceedings, one of the issues submitted must illustrate the resulting editorial coverage.

## For reporters from online media and bloggers:

- Reporters must provide appropriate media credentials as noted above for journalists.
- Bloggers must provide the URL for the website for which they are writing.
- Examples of posts that demonstrate recent coverage of the military judicial system must be supplied.



